GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:329
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CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES UNDER IAY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether only 3.47 lakh houses have been constructed during 2001-2002 in various parts of the country against the fixed target of 12.93 lakhs under IAY;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not achieving the targets, State-wise;

(c) whether there are any instances of improper utilisation of funds under the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) whether cases of corruption in the construction of houses have been reported or detected by the Central Governmentduring the last three years and till date;

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise especially in Bihar and Jharkhand; and

(g) the action taken or proposed to be taken against the erring officials?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement as referred to in Reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 329 due for answer on 6th August, 2002

Against the target of construction of 12.93 lakh houses under the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) for the year, 2001-2002, 10.73 lakh houses were constructed/upgraded and 5.6 lakh houses are in various stages of progress, as per the reports received so far. The State-wise position of construction/upgradation of houses under the IAY during the year 2001-2002 is placed at Annexure-I.

2. When irregularities with regard to IAY implementation come to notice, the matter is immediately taken up with the concerned State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, including for appropriate action in respect of the officials responsible. Officers of the Ministry are also deputed to verify the factual position, when so warranted.

3. The details of complaints received in respect of irregularities in IAY implementation in the last three years (and till date) and action taken in this behalf are contained in Annexure-ll.

Annexure-I Annexure-I as referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 329 due for reply on 6.8.2002 State wise numberof houses targetted, constructed and under construction during 2001-2002 under Indira Awaas Yojana

Sl. No.	Name of the States / Uts	Nos of houses Target	No of houses Constructed/Upgraded	under construction
1	2	3	4	5
1	ANDHRA PRDESH	94356	82228	26564
2	ARUNACHAL PRDESH	4440	4542	339
3	ASSAM	99913	46817	26131
4	BIHAR	256310	167979	162310
5	CHHATTISGARH	16135	22996	3266
6	GOA	610	317	372
7	GUJARAT	27117	27497	9467
8	HARYANA	9169	9814	805
9	HIMACHAL PRDESH	4056	3852	523
10	JAMMU & KASHMIR	4852	7632	10373

11	JHARKHAND	75306	23452	30965	
12	KARNATAKA	48807	43824	18044	
13	KERALA	30245	21372	27390	
14	MADHYA PRDESH	56307	64962	16459	
15	MAHARASHTRA	86598	88773	43930	
16	MANIPUR	5294	0	0	
17	MEGHALAYA	7034	2438	1309	
18	MIZORAM	1689	1275	495	
19	NAGALAND	4541	4441	495	
20	ORISSA	75960	101443	135456	
21	PUNJAB	6074	5317	817	
22	RAJASTHAN	25586	30471	7069	
23	SIKKIM	1217	1754	496	
24	TAMIL NADU	47383	43540	5091	
25	TRIPURA	10271	10382	0	
26	UTTAR PRDESH	172761	171944	13753	
27	UTTARANCHAL	17944	11245	0	
28	WEST BENGAL	101835	71553	16783	
29	A&N ISLANDS	861	858	87	
30	D&N HAVELI	452	77	317	
31	DAMAN & DIU	187	66	66	
32	LAKSHADWEEP	15	15	138	
33	PONDICHERRY	427	266	615	
	T O T A L	1293753	1073142	559925	

Note : Figures are provisional.

Annexure-II Annexure − II as referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 329 due for answer on 6th August, 2002

Complaints received and action taken with regard to irregularities in the implementation of the Indira Awaas Yojana

1. Andhra Pradesh A complaint was received with regard to Khammam District(Andhra Pradesh) in respect of irregularities in the selection of IAY beneficiaries. It was alleged that in the selection of beneficiaries, the Gram Sabha was rarely consulted and powers were misused to allot houses under the Scheme in a partisan manner. Action Taken: The matter was taken up with the Government of Andhra Pradesh who have intimated that the IAY houses were sanctioned in Khammam District, to the poorest families like PTGS i.e. Kondareddies, Koyar ST Lambadas, Fire/Flood-affected persons, Widow headed families, Physically Handicapped persons and Ex-servicemen, as per the the IAY Guidelines and that the selection of beneficiaries was done by Gram Sabha only.

2. Bihar

(a) A complaint was received in respect of irregularities in the selection of beneficiaries under the IAY in Begusarai and Jamui Districts (Bihar). It was alleged that beneficiaries were not selected by the Gram Sabhas and documents relating to selection of beneficiaries were sometimes forged.

(b) Another complaint was received in regard to alleged corruption in the IAY implementation in Katihar District (Bihar). Action Taken:

(a) A Team of Officers of the Ministry headed by a Joint Secretary was deputed to inquire into the matter. It was stated in the Report that the presence of villagers in the Gram Sabha Meetings for the selection of beneficiaries was rather poor. The State Government was asked to direct the District Authorities to ensure full publicity for the Gram Sabha Meetings so as to facilitate maximum participation in the same.

(b) The Status Report sought from the Government of Bihar in this behalf is awaited.

3. Orissa A complaint was received to the effect that the Government of Orissa had decided to allot IAY houses to the beneficiaries in the 14 cyclone affected Districts by lottery. Action Taken: The complaint was forwarded to the State Government whose response is awaited.

4. Uttar Pradesh

(a) A complaint was received in respect of Jola Dindoli, Block Nagal, TahsilDeoband, District Saharanpur (U.P.) regarding irregularities in identification of beneficiaries under the IAY. It was alleged that no Meetings of the Gram Sabha were held for identification/selection of beneficiaries under the IAY and ineligible persons were provided funds for construction of houses by the Gram Pradhan/State Government Officials.

(b) Another complaint was received in regard to allegations of corruption in the implementation of IAY/PMGY- GA and IAY Upgradation Scheme in the Development Block of Chitrakoot Dham (U.P.) against the Block Development Officer. Action Taken:

(a) The complaint was forwarded to the State Government who have intimated that, in the selection of beneficiaries, the concerned Gram Panchayat did not follow the Guidelines and that ineligible villagers were selected. Necessary directives to recover the funds from the ineligible persons have been given and action has been initiated against the erring Gram Panchayat Pradhan and the Gram Panchayat Officer.

(b) The Status Report sought from the State Government in this behalf is awaited.